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GOVT BRINGS NEW 'BH' REGISTRATION FOR OWN VEHICLES

In a bid to ensure seamless transfer of personal vehicles across states, the Road Transport Ministry has come up with a new registration mark for new vehicles - Bharat Series (BH-series). The new vehicle registration regime will free owners from the re-registration process when they shift from one state or Union Territory to another.

US hits back, kills 2 top ISIS leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A day after American President Joe Biden promised retribution against ISIS-K for the carnage at the Kabul airport, the US said on Friday that it has killed two leaders of the outfit in a drone airstrike at Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar province. There were no civilian casualties, US officials claimed, and hinted at more airstrikes in the coming days targeting other ISIS-K leaders.

"I can confirm, two high profile targets were killed and one was wounded," said Army Major General William Hank Taylor.

The drone was sent from a location outside Afghanistan, another US military official said.

Islamic State Khorasan (ISIS-K) had claimed responsibility for the attack at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul on Thursday, which reportedly killed nearly 200 people and injured another 200.

Meanwhile, the US flagged a high risk of further blasts as it winds up its mission to evacuate civilians and withdraw troops.

Yet another attack against the Kabul airport is a near certainty, Reuters quoted US officials as saying that it could be even more destructive than the Thursday attack.

On its part, the Taliban said they have arrested some suspects involved in the airport blast. On Saturday, the militia deployed extra forces around the Kabul airport to prevent large crowds from gathering.

They have also put up new layers of checkpoints on roads leading to the airport, effectively making the airport out of bounds for people. Reports said the militia is letting in only those who carry US passports.

After the deadly terror strike, the US has reportedly brought down its troops to less than 4,000 at Kabul airport from 5,800 at the peak of the evacuation mission.

Thirteen US soldiers were killed in Thursday's suicide bomb blast, the most lethal incident for US troops in Afghanistan in a decade. The 15 US military personnel who were injured in the explosion are receiving treatment in Germany. **P12**

Airport sealed

Taliban sealed off Kabul's airport on Saturday to most Afghans hoping for evacuation, granting entry to only those with US passports, reports said.

All accused picked up from Tiruppur; One still missing; 17-yr-old juvenile to be tried as adult

5 from TN held in Mysuru rape case

SALA CHAUHAN & K SHIVA KUMAR @ Bengaluru, Mysuru

THE Mysuru police on Saturday arrested five accused, including a 17-year-old juvenile, in the horrific gangrape case of a 23-year-old MBA student at the foothills of Chamundi on the evening of August 24. The five accused - labourers including two drivers - are from Tamil Nadu, and were picked up from Tiruppur in the neighbouring state. The sixth accused is still absconding.

These labourers regularly

brought vegetables to Mysuru markets. On August 24, they had a party on their return journey and found the girl and her male friend driving on the

lonely stretch of the road. They first demanded Rs 3 lakh from the two, who pleaded their inability to pay the amount. The accused then assaulted the boy

and gangraped the girl, police sources said. The accused have been slapped with Sections 376-D and 397 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for gangrape and robbery with violence.

Confirming the arrests, Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Praveen Sood told The New Sunday Express, "We will get the sixth accused shortly." Under the modified laws, a juvenile above the age of 16 allegedly involved in a heinous crime can be tried as an adult. **CONTINUED ON: P4**

Home Minister to push for spj public prosecutor

Home Minister Arun Jaitley has said a recommendation will be made to appoint a special public prosecutor to ensure that the accused are suitably punished. In a statement, he said the Mysuru police have been told to boost security at all places.

Mysuru University withdraws order

A controversial circular by the University of Mysore curbing the movement of girl students on its Manasagangothri campus after 6.30 pm has been withdrawn, said Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Saturday. **P4**

Police cane farmers headed to BJP meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

AT least 10 farmers were injured when police lathicharged a group headed towards the venue of a BJP-Jannayak Janata Party function near Karnal in Haryana on Saturday. Angry farmers later blocked several roads, bringing traffic movement to a grinding halt.

While the caning drew criticism from many quarters, Karnal Inspector General Manta Singh said mild force was used to disperse farmers, who refused to budge despite several announcements declaring the gathering unlawful as prohibitory order under CrPC section 144 was in force. She also claimed some stones were pelted at the police personnel.

Farmers protesting against farm laws have been opposing all functions of the BJP-JJP combine in Haryana. **CONTINUED ON: P10**

'BREAK THEIR HEADS'

Karnal sub divisional magistrate Ayush Sinha landed in a soup after a video, in which he is heard telling policemen to break the heads of farmers if they break barricades, went viral. Sources said that the direction came when the farmers started throwing stones.

DATA FUDGING

Onus on public to expose lies of govt: Chandrachud

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

STRESSING it was the duty of public intellectuals to expose the lies of the state, Supreme Court judge Justice DY Chandrachud on Saturday called for more vigilance and participation by the citizens. Chandrachud's comments came in the context of Covid-19, wherein "there is an increasing trend of countries across the world trying to manipulate data". Addressing a meet on

Speaking Truth to Power: Citizens and the Law, as part of the sixth MC Chagla Memorial Online Lecture, Chandrachud said one could not solely rely on the state to determine the truth. "As responsible citizens, we should put these truth providers through intense scrutiny and questioning to convince ourselves of the veracity of the claims made by them. It is equally important for those making truth claims to be transparent," he added. **CONTINUED ON: P10**

EXPRESS READ Bhavinaben Patel in Paralympics TT final

Tokyo: Bhavinaben Patel continued to script history as she became the first Indian to enter the final of a table tennis event at the Paralympics with a 3-2 win over China's Mao Zhang in a class 4 semifinal here on Saturday. **P15**

CET results out on Sept 20: Minister

Bengaluru: Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, after a visit to a CET examination centre here, said that the CET results will be announced on September 20 and counselling would commence in the first week of October. **P7**

Abhishek Banerjee, wife get ED summons

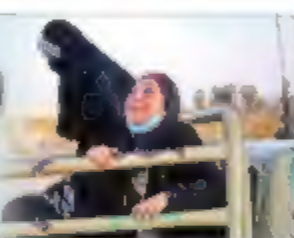
New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate has summoned West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's nephew and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee and his wife for questioning in a money laundering case linked to an alleged coal scam in the state, officials said. **P10**



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Convenient, Safe, Faster and Sustainable Mobility Expansion of Bangalore Metro Rail Network

Inauguration of 7.5 km
Metro Purple Line

from
Mysuru Road Metro Station
to
Kengeri Metro Station



Basavaraj Bommal
Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka



Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

- This Western Extension will open new developmental opportunity from Mysuru Road to Kengeri Satellite Town
- It will connect major educational institutions like Bangalore University and R.V. Engineering College
- Multimodal integration with Indian Railways at Jnanabharathi Metro Station and city buses at Kengeri Bus Terminal Metro Station
- A faster mode of travel will become available to large Residential Areas and Commercial Complexes along the Mysuru Road
- This Extension Line will benefit additional 75,000 passengers per day through connectivity to the existing Metro Network in the city

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All MPs, MLAs, MLCs of Bengaluru City are cordially invited

The event will be streamed Live on Namma Metro's

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Sunday, 29th August 2021 at 10.30 am

Flagging off at Nayandahalli Metro Station | Function at Kengeri Bus Terminal Station

